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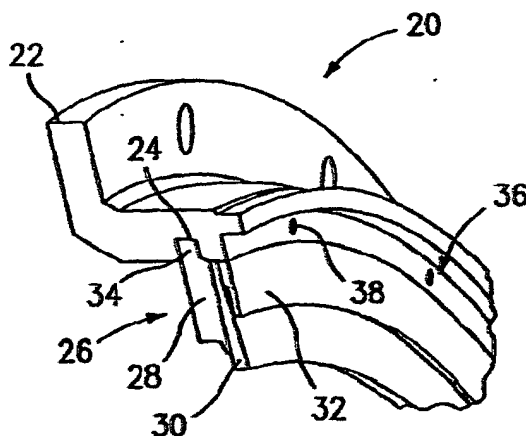
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(54) **Replaceable brush seal elements**

(57) The present invention relates to replaceable brush seal assemblies 20 for use with turbines such as industrial gas turbines. In accordance with the present invention, a brush seal assembly comprises a flange 22, a brush seal 26 mounted to the flange 22, and retainers 38 preventing rotation of the brush seal 26 relative to

the flange 22. A method of repairing a brush seal having a back plate 28, side plate 32, and bristles 30 is also disclosed. The method comprises the steps of removing the side plate 32 and the bristles 30 from the back plate 28, and securing a second brush seal to the back plate 28.



**FIG. 3**



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